THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

Writ Petition No.22286 of 2007

(25-10-2007)

Between:

Naramala Nageswara Rao S/o Sanyasi
and others

…Petitioners

A n d

The Principal Secretary
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
& others

…Respondents

ORDER:

In this writ petition, the petitioners seeks direction by way of *mandamus* to direct the third respondent to consider their representation dated 21.11.2007, so as to allow them to carry fishing operations in the Yeleru Reservoir.

2. It is the grievance of the petitioners that they were agriculturists and their lands were acquired for the purpose of construction of Yeleru Reservoir in the year 2001. It is stated, in view of the fact that they have lost their lands, they formed themselves into an association and started conducting fishing operations in the Yeleru reservoir. However, the third parties are obstructing their fishing operations and it is their grievance that in spite of making a representation to the third respondent, they have not considered the same.

3. Even according to the petitioners, there is no licence granted by any competent authority to exercise fishing operations in Yeleru reservoir. Merely on the ground that their lands were earlier acquired, the petitioners, on their own, cannot exploit fishing operations in the reservoir.

4. In that view of the matter, the petitioners have no right at all to exploit fishing operations in the reservoir, in the absence of any licence. As such, I do not find any merit in the writ petition for grant of directions, as prayed for.

5. The writ petition is devoid of merits and the same is accordingly

dismissed. However, it is made clear that if any of the petitioners are eligible for conducting fishing operations, this order will not preclude them to make an application before the competent authority.

6. With the above observations, the Writ petition is dismissed. No order as to costs.

R.SUBHASH REDDY, J

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